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SUBJECT: SYRIAN REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT - SEPTEMBER 13

1. SEPTEMBER 13 AL-THAWRAH DESCRIBED RESULTS OF LONDON IPU CONFERENCE AS ISRAELI DEFEAT AND PALESTINIAN VICTORY. DAMASCUS RADIO ADDED THAT IT MARKED VICTORY FOR SYRIA'S "PRINCIPLED POLICY REJECTING SEPARATE AND PARTIAL SETTLEMENTS."

2. WEEKLY TELEVISION NEWS ROUNDUP "WEEK TO WEEK" SEPTEMBER 12 REVIEWED SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN OPPOSITION TO AGREEMENT EXPRESSED BY SYRIAN AND NON-SYRIAN ARAB ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS, AND THEN QUOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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STAND ATTRIBUTED TO ASAD BY LATEST ISSUE OF "NEWSWEEK."

PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDED FILM CLIP OF GENEVA SIGNING OF  
ACCORD BY EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI  
DELEGATIONS.

3. AL-THAWRAH QUOTED PLO OFFICIAL WHO STATED THAT CLOSING  
OF CAIRO VOICE OF PALESTINE UNSURPRISING BECAUSE EGYPT  
HAD AGREED IN SECRET CLAUSE OF TREATY TO HALT INFORMATION  
CAMPAIN AGAINST ISRAEL.

4. AL-THAWRAH REPORTED NOVOSTI ARTICLE WHICH CLAIMED  
THAT AGREEMENT WILL NOT CURB ARMS RACE BUT INSTEAD APPEARS  
TO HAVE STIMULATED IT. REASONING BASED ON ISRAELI REQUEST  
FOR THREE BILLION DOLLAR WEAPONS SUPPLY.

5. PRESS REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT THAT SADAT WILL  
VISIT WASHINGTON OCTOBER 26.

6. COLUMNIST IN AL-THAWRAH ASSERTED THAT AGREEMENT  
HAD "INCREASED COMPLEXITY OF REGIONAL SITUATION BY  
INTRODUCING NEW ELEMENTS INTO ARAB-ZIONIST CONFLICT,  
PRINCIPALLY IMMOBILIZATION OF EGYPTIAN FRONT, TERMINATION  
OF STATE OF BELLIGERENCY, INTRODUCTION OF AMERICAN  
PRESENCE AND ISRAEL'S RETURN TO PRE-OCTOBER LOGIC THRU  
AMERICAN WEAPONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT."

7. SAIQA WEEKLY MAGAZINE "VANGUARDS" IN SEPTEMBER  
9 ISSUE PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WITH ZUHAYR MUHSIN SHARPLY  
CRITICAL OF SINAI AGREEMENT. MUHSIN SAVAGED SADAT FOR  
GIVING AWAY TOO MUCH: "WHAT HAS SADAT GOVERNMENT GOT  
IN ITS HAND WITH WHICH TO COMPROMISE AT GENEVA CONFERENCE  
IF IT IS HELD? WHAT DOES HE HAVE LEFT TO GUARANTEE  
INTEREST OF NEXT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION--FOLLOWING 1976  
ELECTIONS--IN COMPLETING NEW STEP? WE SAY NEXT ADMINISTRA-  
TION BECAUSE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION WILL REST SATISFIED  
UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN." MUHSIN  
CLAIMED THAT SADAT HAD NO REOURSE BUT TO "RATIFY DOCUMENTS  
OF RECONCILIATION, JUDICIAL RECOGNITION AND EXCHANGE  
OF AMBASSADORS." ISRAEL,  
HE ADDED, HAD NO INCENTIVE TO  
COMPROMISE IN FUTURE BECAUSE EGYPT WAS NOW EFFECTIVELY  
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OUT OF PICTURE.

8. MUHSIN SCOFFED AT SEARCH FOR "SECRET PROTOCOLS" BE-  
CAUSE "ANNOUNCED ARTICLES ALONE ARE SUFFICIENT TO FORM  
COMPLETE AND INTEGRAL POLITICAL AGREEMENT THAT TERMINATES  
STATE OF BELLIGERENCY UNILATERALLY BY EGYPT." HE CONCLUDED  
WITH OBSERVATION THAT "THIS IS NOT  
DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES

AGREEMENT AND NOT SOLELY MILITARY STEP BUT LONG TIME  
ARMISTICE. IT IS COMPLETE POLITICAL DOCUMENT, AGREEMENT OF  
SHAME, HUMILIATION AND SURRENDER OF HOMELAND ON PATH OF  
COMPLETE CAPITULATION AND ADMISSION OF LEGALITY  
OF AGGRESSION AND ZIONIST USURPATION OF PALESTINIAN  
AND ARAB LAND. IT IS FAR FROM BEING STEP TOWARD PEACE,  
BUT IS STEP TOWARD TRAITOROUS, CAPITULATORY PEACE."  
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